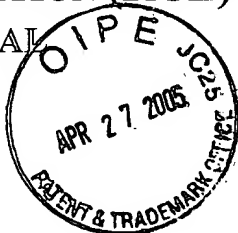


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Confirmation Number	5976
Filing Date	October 18, 2001
First Named Inventor	Toshihiko SUENAGA
Group Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	HODGE, ROBERT W.
Matter Number	Q66783
Title	METHOD FOR MOUNTING SEALS FOR FUEL CELL AND FUEL CELL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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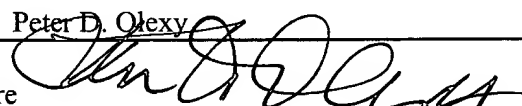
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Sir:

Responsive to the rejection of January 27, 2005, this RCE being filed since the rejection was final, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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